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## 2,124 citations issued during Click it or Ticket enforcement campaign

Statewide – Fifty one law enforcement agencies across the state participated in the *Click It or Ticket* enforcement campaign from November 1, 2016 through December 15, 2016 to help save lives on North Dakota roads.

A total of 2,124 citations were attributed to the enforcement patrols. Of the total citations, 660 were citations for failure to use a proper safety restraint and 22 were child restraint citations. Tickets for speeding totaled 904. The traffic stops also resulted in 24 drug arrests, five driving under the influence (DUI) citations, four citations for distracted driving and one felony violation.

Failure to use a seat belt is the most significant factor associated with motor vehicle crash injuries and deaths. In 2015, 61 percent of traffic fatalities in North Dakota had no restraint system in use with 42 percent of those fatalities being partially or totally ejected from the vehicle.

Funding for additional traffic safety enforcement is provided by federal grant money distributed through the NDDOT. High-visibility enforcement for traffic safety is one element of a collaborative effort to eliminate motor vehicle deaths in North Dakota.

Learn more about traffic safety initiatives at <a href="ndcodefortheroad.org">ndcodefortheroad.org</a> or join the conversation on the *Code for the Road* Facebook or Twitter page. Memorials to North Dakota crash fatalities can be seen at <a href="ndcodefortheroad.org/memorial">ndcodefortheroad.org/memorial</a>.

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